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**ANCHORAGE MAN SENTENCED TO 60 MONTHS
IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR SELLING CRACK**

Anchorage, Alaska – Acting United States Attorney Karen L. Loeffler announced today, December 30, 2008, that Christopher Al Durant, a resident of Kansas City, MO, was sentenced in federal court in Anchorage to 60 months in prison for his conviction of distributing drugs.

Chief United States District Court Judge John W. Sedwick imposed the sentence on Durant, age 26.

According to information presented to the court by Special Assistant United States Attorney Christine M. Thoreson, Durant sold 19.2 grams of crack cocaine to a government informant on three separate occasions in January and February 2008.

Ms. Loeffler commended the Federal Bureau of Investigation Safe Streets Task Force, comprised of Anchorage police officers and FBI agents, who conducted the investigation of this case. SAUSA Thoreson is one of two prosecutors in the U.S. Attorney's Office who are funded by the Municipality of Anchorage for the purpose of prosecuting gang-related and violent crime cases.

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